

AGENDA



Thursday, November 1, 2007

Public Works

Item No. 13

RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Approve an ordinance amending Section 12-4-64(D) of the City Code to establish a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour on certain streets within the area bounded by Davis Lane and Guidepost Trail to the north, Manchaca Road to the east, West Slaughter Lane to the south, and Brodie Lane to the west.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$9,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Public Works Department for installation of necessary signs.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Texas Transportation Code Section 545.356 allows a city to set a speed limit lower than 30 miles per hour, but not less than 25 miles per hour, on a highway if:

- the highway is not an officially designated or marked highway or road in the state highway system;
- the highway is 35 feet or less in width;
- vehicular parking is not prohibited on one or both sides of the street;
- the highway has less than four lanes used for vehicular travel; and
- the Council finds that the previous prima facie speed limit is unreasonable or unsafe.

The City of Austin Public Works Department recommends the 25 mile per hour speed limit for certain streets in the area bounded by Davis Lane and Guidepost Trail to the north, Manchaca Road to the west, West Slaughter Lane to the south, and Brodie Lane to the west. The lower speed limit will reduce the potential for vehicle-pedestrian accidents. Most of the streets within the area are eligible for a 25 mile per hour speed limit. The exceptions are Aftonshire Way from West Gate Boulevard to Curlew Drive, Brasher Drive from West Slaughter Lane to Aftonshire Way, Castlewood Drive from Monarch Drive to Toulouse Drive, Cranbrook Cove from Piping Rock Trail to the end of Cranbrook Cove, Crownspoint Drive from Sanford Drive to Manchaca Road, Curlew Drive from West Slaughter Lane to Guidepost Trail, Leah Cove from Roxanna Drive to the end of Leah Cove, Monarch Drive from Curlew Drive to Manchaca Road, Nesbit Drive from Bradner Drive to Sanford Drive, Nightjar Drive from Aftonshire Way to the end of Nightjar Drive, Queenswood Drive from Crownspoint Drive to the end of Queenswood Drive, Roxanna Drive from West Slaughter Lane to Monarch Drive, Sedgemoor Trail from Manchaca Road to the end of Sedgemoor Trail, Silk Oak Drive from Brodie Lane to the end of Silk Oak Drive, Silk Oak Drive from Bradner Drive to the end of Silk Oak Drive, Tabor Court from Roxanna Drive to the end of Tabor Court, and West Gate Boulevard from West Slaughter Lane to the end of West Gate Boulevard, because these streets are wider than 35 feet. None of these exceptions are included in the recommended Code changes.

The ordinance includes a finding that the previous prima facie speed limit is unreasonable or unsafe, in accordance with the statute.

Staff recommends that Section 12-4-64(D) be amended to add the following streets to the list of streets with a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour.

Barkwood Drive from Queenswood Drive to Heatherwood Drive.
Bernoulli Drive from Nesbit Drive to Notches Drive.
Bobby Lane from Cheney Cove to Huebinger Pass.
Bordley Court from Bordley Drive to the end of Bordley Court.
Bordley Drive from Roxanna Drive to Toulouse Drive.
Bradner Drive from Cohoba Drive to Nesbit Drive.
Briar Ridge Drive from Slaughter Lane (West) to Piping Rock Trail.
Canus Cove from Canus Drive to the end of Canus Cove.
Canus Drive from Crownspoint Drive to Firecrest Drive.
Castledale Drive from Castlewood Drive to Woodshire Drive.
Cedrick Cove from Roxanna Drive to the end of Cedrick Cove.
Cheney Cove from Huebinger Pass to the end of Cheney Cove.
Cherise Lane from Marsh Drive to Queenswood Drive.
Cohoba Drive from Sanford Drive to the end of Cohoba Drive.
Collingwood Drive from Davis Lane to Toulouse Drive.
Comburg Castle Way from Queenswood Drive to the end of Comburg Castle Way.
Comburg Drive from Comburg Castle Way to Toulouse Drive.
Cookwood Cove from Wilcrest Drive to the end of Cookwood Cove.
Creekmont Cove from Kentish Drive to the end of Creekmont Cove.
Crownspoint Circle from Crownspoint Drive to the end of Crownspoint Circle.
Curlew Cove from Curlew Drive to the end of Curlew Cove.
Davis Lane from Brodie Lane to Guidepost Trail.
Doliver Drive from Kempler Drive to the end of Doliver Drive.
Dupoint Cove from Curlew Drive to the end of Dupoint Cove.
Escabosa Drive from Davis Lane to Mosquero Circle.
Firecrest Drive from Sanford Drive to Curlew Drive.
Gadwall Cove from Marsh Drive to the end of Gadwall Cove.
Gee Street from Bobby Lane to the end of Gee Street.
Grasshopper Drive from Tea Rose Trail to Silkgrass Bend.
Guidepost Trail from Davis Lane to Leo Street.
Heatherwood Drive from Vassal Drive to Crownspoint Drive.
Holly Springs Court from Holly Springs Drive to the end of Holly Springs Court.
Holly Springs Drive from Aftonshire Way to Curlew Drive.
Huebinger Pass from Guidepost Trail to Davis Lane.
Japonica Court from Sedgemoor Trail to the end of Japonica Court.
Kangaroo Lane from Silkgrass Bend to the end of Kangaroo Lane.
Kempler Drive from Crownspoint Drive to both ends of Kempler Drive.
Kentish Cove from Kentish Drive to the end of Kentish Cove.
Kentish Drive from Marsh Drive to the end of Kentish Drive.
Lagerway Cove from Sanford Drive to the end of Lagerway Cove.
Lancaster Drive from Comburg Drive to Heatherwood Drive.
Leo Street from Guidepost Trail to Davis Lane.
Lightwood Cove from Silkgrass Bend to the end of Lightwood Cove.
Lightwood Loop from Silk Oak Drive to the end of Lightwood Loop.
Lindsey Cove from Marsh Drive to the end of Lindsey Cove.
Linkmeadow Drive from Cohoba Drive to the end of Linkmeadow Drive.
Marsh Drive from Guidepost Trail to Monarch Drive.
Minot Circle from Escabosa Drive (north intersection) to Escabosa Drive (south intersection).
Mosquero Circle from Escabosa Drive (north intersection) to Escabosa Drive (south intersection).
Mosswood Circle from Crownspoint Drive to the end of Mosswood Circle.
Nightjar Drive from Crownspoint Drive to Aftonshire Way.
Notches Drive from Cohoba Drive to Lagerway Cove.
Oak Ledge Drive from Davis Lane to Comburg Castle Way.
Pectoral Drive from Curlew Drive to the end of Pectoral Drive.
Piping Rock Trail From Woodshire Drive to Slaughter Lane (West).
Princewood Pass from Piping Rock Trail to Monarch Drive.
Queenswood Drive from Ramblewood Drive to Crownspoint Drive.
Rachael Court from Roxanna Drive to the end of Rachael Court.
Ramblewood Drive from Crownspoint Drive to the end of Ramblewood Drive.
Roxanna Drive from Monarch Drive to Bordley Drive.
Rustic Oak Lane from Oak Ledge Drive to the end of Rustic Oak Lane.

Sanford Drive from Cohoba Drive to Lagerway Cove.
Sanger Drive from Sedgemoor Trail to the end of Sanger Drive.
Shelby Oak Lane from Oak Ledge Drive to the end of Shelby Oak Lane.
Sheri Oak Lane from Oak Ledge Drive to the end of Sheri Oak Lane.
Silk Oak Cove from Silk Oak Drive to the end of Silk Oak Cove.
Silkgrass Bend from Tea Rose Trail to Lightwood Loop.
Sugar Hill Drive from Nightjar Drive (north intersection) to Nightjar Drive (south intersection).
Tanglevine Drive from Roxanna Drive to the end of Tanglevine Drive.
Tea Rose Trail from Silk Oak Drive to both ends of Tea Rose Trail.
Toulouse Drive from Queenswood Drive to Crownspoint Drive.
Vassal Drive from Collingwood Drive to Comburg Drive.
Wagtail Cove from Kentish Drive to the end of Wagtail Cove.
Wagtail Drive from Wilcrest Drive to Kentish Drive.
Wilcrest Drive from Pectoral Drive to Marsh Drive.
Willers Way from Slaughter Lane (West) to Piping Rock Trail.
Woodshire Drive from Slaughter Lane (West) to Castledale Drive.
Wynden Cove from Tanglevine Drive to the end of Wynden Cove.